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HE'S BACK--THE
VENGEFUL
VULTURE!



THE HEAT IS
WITHERING, BUT
SPIDEY CAN'T
FEEL IT--YET...

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WINGS OF FIRE, WINGS OF FEAR

HA-HA-HA!
I SHOULD HAVE INVOLVED MYSELF WITH ORGANIZED CRIME YEARS AGO-- EH, MALACHAI?

YES, UNCLE!

NOW, NOT ONLY DO I HAVE CONTROL OF NEW YORK'S MOBS FIRMLY IN MY HANDS, BUT I HAVE SPIDER-MAN RIGHT WHERE I WANT HIM--

--GASSED, BOUND, AND HELPLESS! TONIGHT THE VULTURE HAS HIS VENGEANCE! TONIGHT, SPIDER-MAN DIES!

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN WHAT'S HAPPENING, MARVELLITE. JUMP ABOARD AND WE'LL FILL YOU IN AS WE GO ALONG.

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IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO STAY AWAKE!



THE GAS THE VULTURE'S NEPHEW USED ON ME* HAS ME SO GROGGY... IT'S A CHORE JUST TO THINK STRAIGHT!

*LAST ISSUE-- DENNY.

SLOWLY, INEXORABLY, THE COFFIN BEARING SPIDER-MAN PASSES TROUGH AN OPENING IN THE CHAMBER WALL.

AND THEN, AS A CONCEALING PORTRAIT SLIDES INTO PLACE BEHIND HIM, THE MASKED ADVENTURER IS BORN ONWARD--TOWARDS THE OPEN MAW OF A BLAZING FURNACE!

JUST MY LUCK, THE VULTURE HAD TO SET UP SHOP IN A MANSION WITH ITS OWN TORTURE CHAMBER! I HAVE TO GET OUT OF THIS MESS!

SECRET



EHHN! ORDINARILY, I'D JUST SNAP THE CHAINS AND CRAWL OUT OF HERE, BUT THE GAS LEFT ME WEAK AS A KITTEN!



BUT...I GOTTA...? I HAVE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE! THE HEAT ALONE FROM THE FURNACE IS A KILLER!

COME ON, PARKER--YOU CAN DO IT! FIGHT THAT GAS!



THERE! I'M ON MY FEET AGAIN! MY HEADS STARTING TO CLEAR...



IT LOOKS LIKE I JUST GOT ONE CHANCE!



CALLING ON EVERY BIT OF STRENGTH HE CAN MUSTER, SPIDER-MAN LAUNCHES HIMSELF UPWARD--

--TWISTING, TURNING, FLEXING DESPERATELY TO PULL HIS MANACLED FORM INTO A COMPLETE 360-DEGREE FLIP--

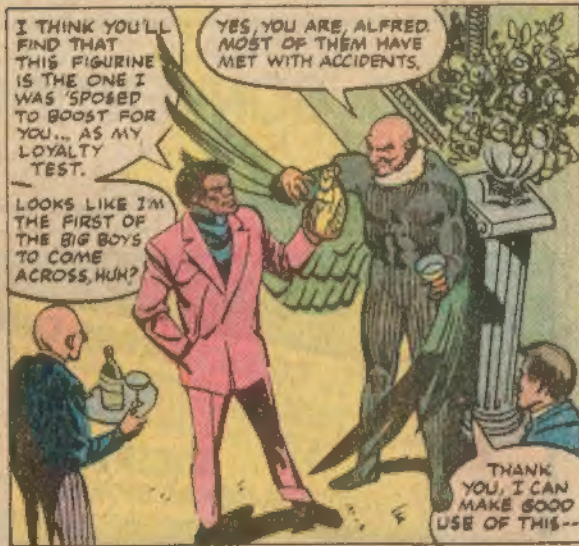


--AND TO PROPEL HIMSELF BACK TOWARDS THE WALL, THERE TO CLING WITH THE BIZARRE SPIDER-LIKE SUCTION OF HIS HANDS AND FEET!



PHEW! THAT WAS ONE OF THE CLOSER ONES! NOW, IF I CAN JUST HANG ON HERE UNTIL MY BRAIN DE-POGS--!

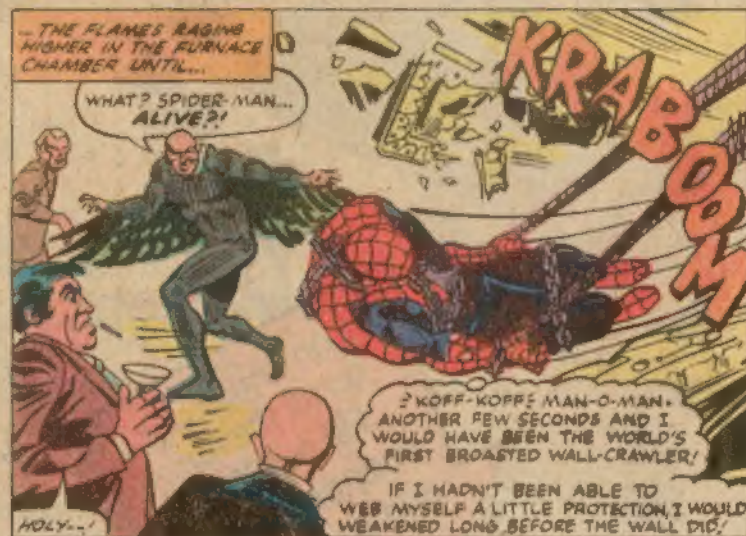
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THE THREE SMILE KNOWINGLY, AS THE VULTURE SHAKES ALFRED ABOUT LIKE A TOY!

AND, AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM, MALACHA! TOOME'S FAILS TO NOTICE THE FURNACE TEMPERATURE GAUGE CREEPING UP AND UP...



RELEASING HIS HASTILY SPUN WEB LINES, THE STILL-CHAINED SPIDER-MAN DEFTLY TUMBLES ACROSS THE ROOM, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY A WALL OF SMOKE AND FLAME!





COME, MALACHAI--
THIS PLACE WILL BE
ENGULFED IN FLAMES
IN JUST A MATTER
OF MINUTES!

BUT, UNCLE--
WHAT ABOUT
THE OTHERS?

WELL?
WHAT
ABOUT
THEM?

THE FIRE IS CUTTIN'
US OFF FROM THE
ONLY WAY OUTTA
HERE! THE VULTURE
HE'S LEAVIN' US
HERE TO DIE!

SURE LOOKS THAT WAY,
DOESN'T IT? YOU BOYS
HAVE A REAL SWEET-
HEART OF A BOSS THERE!

THIS'S ALL
YOUR FAULT!



ONE GOOD THING HAS COME OUT OF
ALL THIS EXCITEMENT AND DANGER--
I'VE MANAGED TO CLEAR MY HEAD.
NOW, IF I STRAIN JUST RIGHT--
3 LUNGE



YOU BUM, IF WE
WEREN'T ALL ABOUT TO
DIE, I'D KILL YA!

AH! THE OLD SPIDER-
STRENGTH IS BACK IN
ALL ITS GLORY!

DO YA HEAR ME?
I SAID-- HEY.

WHATCHA
DOIN'?



ME? I'M GETTING COM-
FORTABLE. YOU WANT
TO LIVE?

UH...UH...
YEAH.



THEN SHUT
UP AND GIVE ME
A LITTLE ROOM!

BOY, IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THOSE
FLAMES TO SPREAD! THE CEILING
LOOKS TO BE THE BEST WAY OUT OF
THIS INFERNO.

H-HEY WHERE
ARE YA
GOING?



ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?
UP!



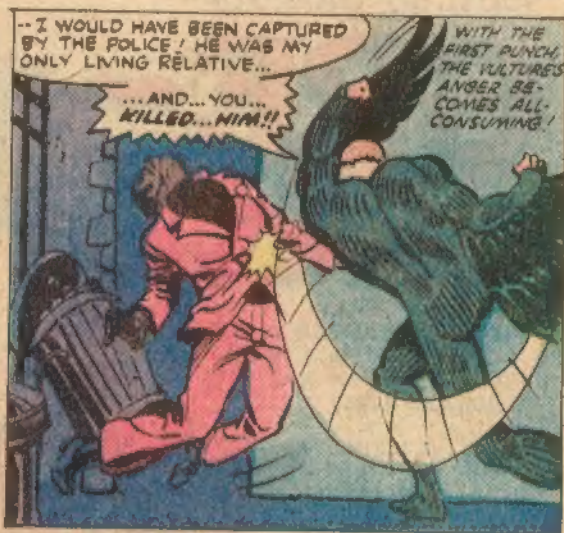
AFTER ALL, THIS CEILING
IS ONLY 20-FEET HIGH!

BUT WHAT
ABOUT US? Y-YOU
CAN'T LEAVE US
HERE TO FRY! YOU
GOTTA SAVE US!

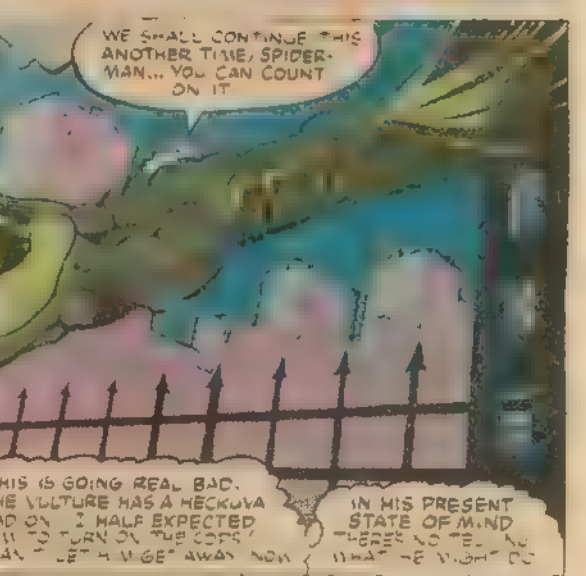
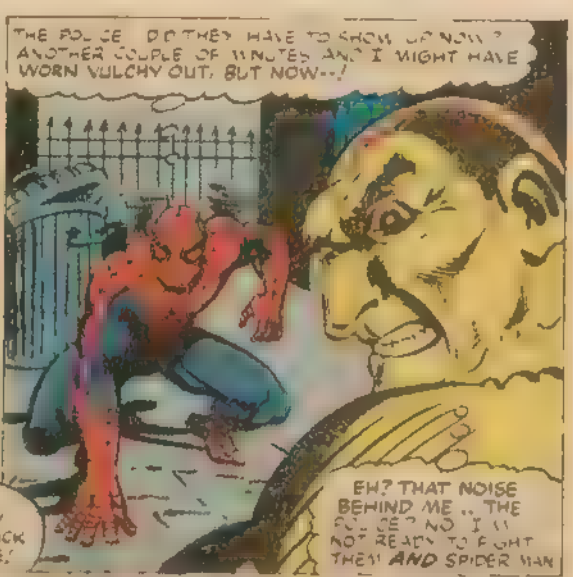
BOY, YOU GUYS
CAN BE SUCH PESTS!
JUST A FEW MINUTES
AGO, YOU WERE
LEADING CHEERS AS
OL' VULCHY FED ME
TO THE FURNACE--
AND NOW YOU
WANT ME TO SAVE
YOU!



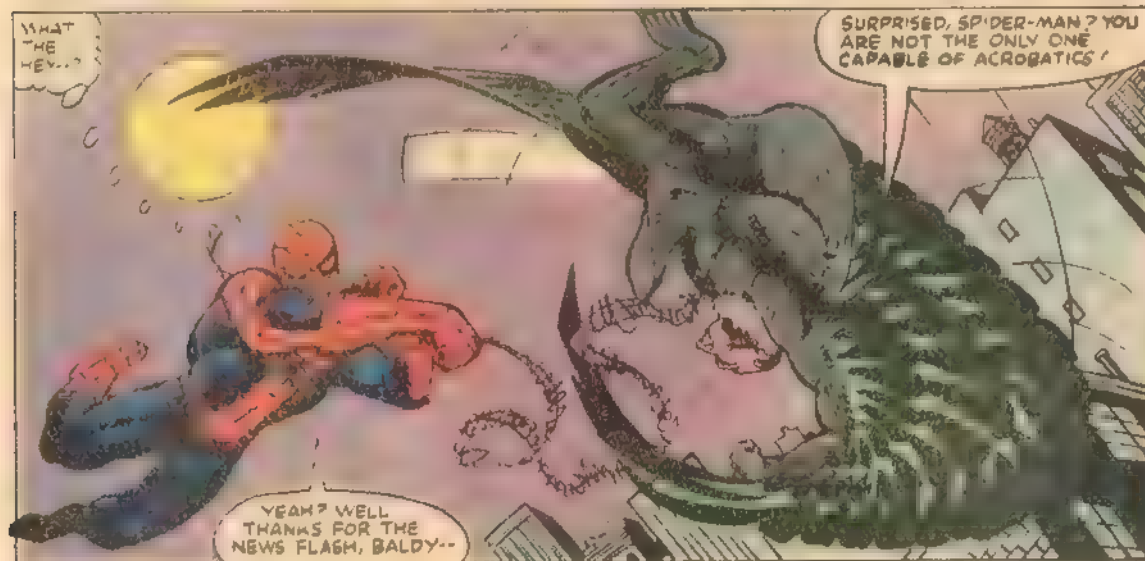
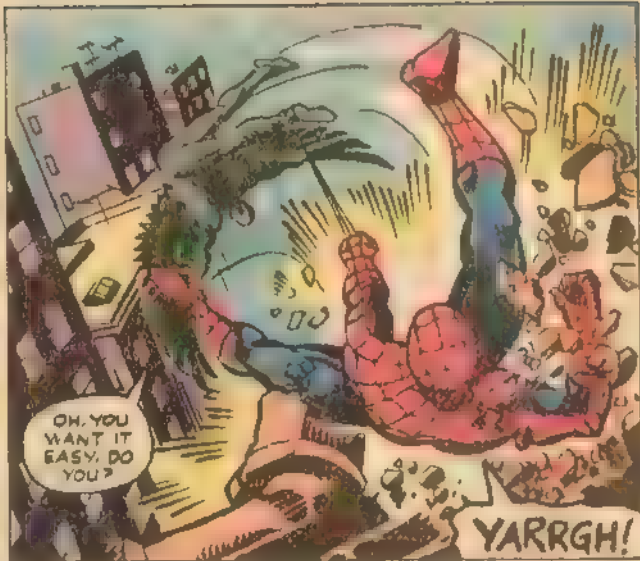














THIS CAN'T BE THE LAST TIME
WE FOUGHT I WAS ABLE TO
BREAK THROUGH HIS WEBBING
WITH EASE.

I THINK I CAN--~~UNNE~~--
UNWEAVE IT FROM MY LEG,
BUT THE WEBBING ITSELF
SHOWS NO SIGNS OF GIVING.
COULD HE HAVE IMPROVED
HIS WEB THAT MUCH?

MMMMM
COULD BE.

I'M REALLY SURPRISED AT YOU,
VULCHY. IF MEMORY SERVES
ME, THIS IS THE SECOND TIME
YOU'VE FALLEN FOR THE OLD
PLAYING POSSUM BIT.

AND YOU
SAID I
NEVER
LEARNED.

*THE FIRST TIME WAS
IN PPTSS MS. --D.

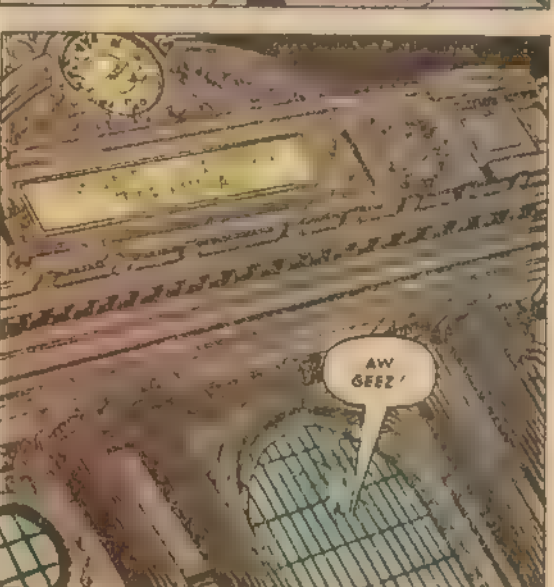
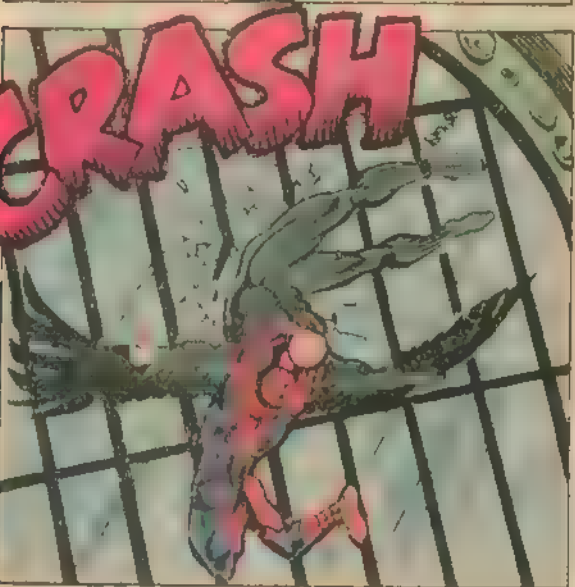
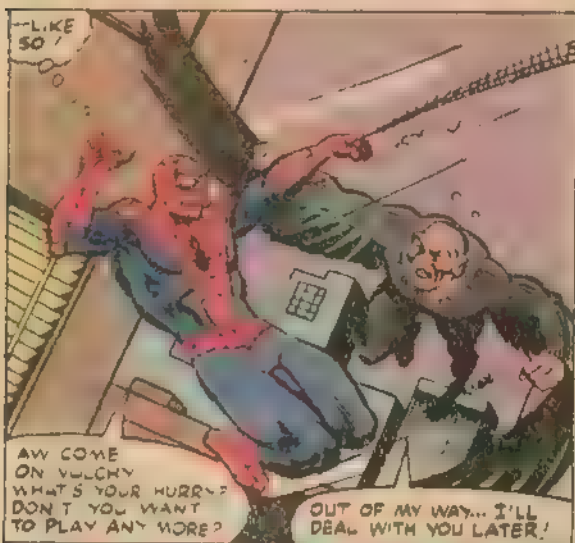
ANYWAY, I FIGURE I OWE YOU A
COUPLE--ONE FOR TOSSENG ME
IN THAT FURNACE, AND ANOTHER
FOR PUTTING THE HOLES IN MY
OUTFIT!

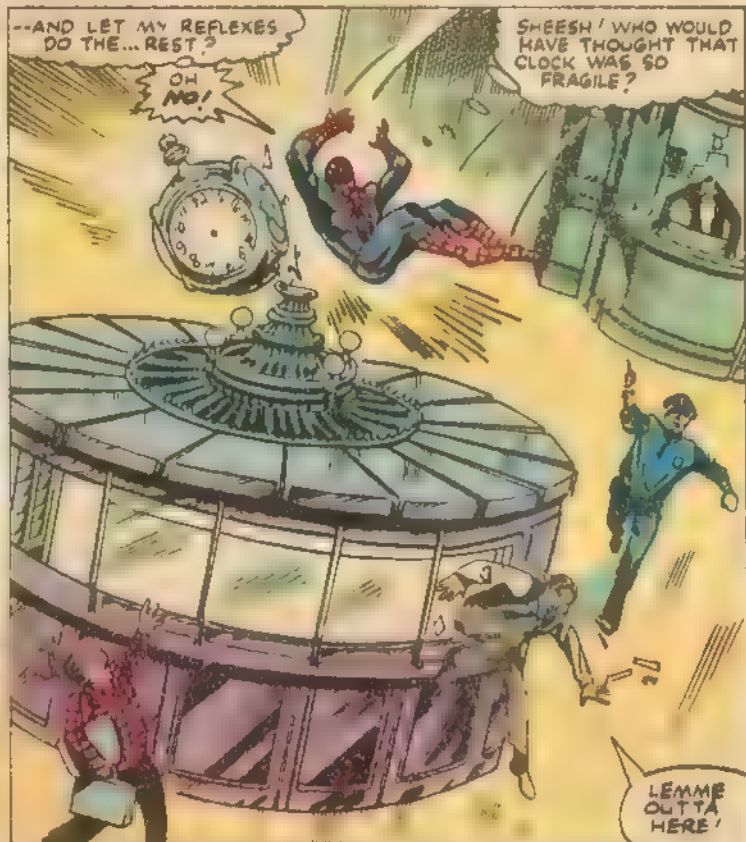
YOU KNOW, VULCH--I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT YOU'RE
A PRETTY TOUGH OLD BIRD... BUT I'M TOUGH, TOO.
SEEMS LIKE WHENEVER WE'VE FOUGHT BEFORE,
I'VE EITHER BEEN SICK OR HURT SOMEHOW.

WELL, THIS TIME
I'M IN THE
BLOOM OF
HEALTH. SORRY
I CAN'T SAY
THE SAME FOR
YOU BUT
THAT'S WHAT
YOU GET FOR
PLAYING WITH
THE BAD
BOYS!

YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED ME YET.
I CAN PLAY THE BLUFF, TOO!

UH-HUH, BUT NOT
TOO WELL. MY
SPIDER-SENSE
PICKED UP ON
THAT BLUFF
RIGHT AWAY. NOT
THAT HE'S
FAKING MUCH...





BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hey, gang, I think I'm in big trouble, and since misery loves company, I might as well let you worry along with me! Y'see, I've got this Soapbox column to write and it's due at the printer tomorrow morning! So, I've gotta wrap it up in the next hour, or else! But, for the first time in about twenty years, I can't think of anything to write about! Oh sure, I could tell you to latch on to the second great issue of EPIC, or one of our many new regular comicbook titles, but I've been trying to avoid the big sell here in the Soapbox. Or, I could give you some gossip about what's happening amongst our batty bullpen bigwigs, but Jolly Jim Shooter and his capricious cohorts usually like to feed you those illuminating items themselves. So here I sit, staring at an emotionless typewriter with fear and panic welling up

within my noble breast, while the clock keeps — HEY! Hold it! I thought of something! Wow — saved by the bell! And, best of all, it's something you can help me with!

Ever since I've been out here in Los Angeles, working on Marvel's many magnificent tv and film projects, one thought's been bugging me. I have a feeling that I don't really understand what makes the Saturday morning animated cartoon shows tick on tv! They're so different from the mighty masterworks you find in our mags that they might have originated on another planet. Okay, then, here's what you can do to help me — and perhaps to help the entire world of tv cartoons...

Just send me a short note, no more than 100 words, saying "Here's what I like about tv cartoons: ———". "Here's what I hate about tv cartoons: ———".

and "Here's how to make them better: ———". I'll have our staff of thousands (living Thousands, the boss's uncles) read 'em, and tabulate your opinions. Then, we'll print a summary of your suggestions in a future Soapbox (thereby guaranteeing that I'll have another topic for at least one more column!) Remember, what you write may change the entire tv industry — or, at the very least, give us a case of eyestrain! Just address your oh-so-meaningful missives to STAN LEE'S TV SURVEY, 575 Madison Ave., NYC, NY 10022. Culture lovers everywhere will be eternally in your debt!

Till we meet again, stay cool, stay happy, and stay in touch with the EPIC Epidemic! (Might as well get a plug in somewhere!)

Excelsior!

Stan

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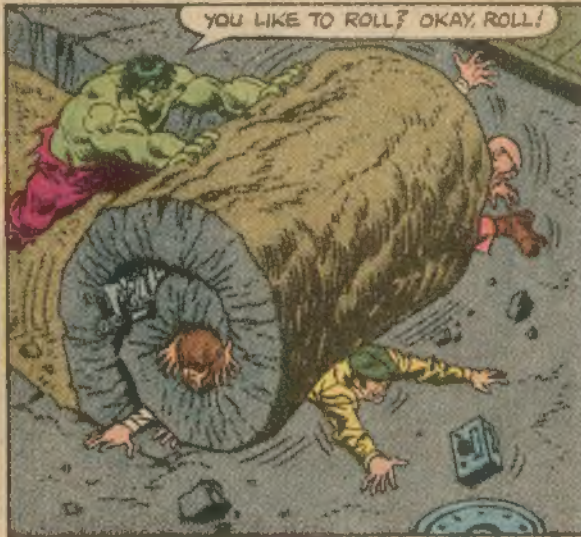


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SOMEONE ELSE IS VERY UPSET BY THE DEVILS.



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